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SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.
WASHINGTON, June 23.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday:
Virginia—Fair Friday; warmer in interior; Saturday partly cloudy, showers and cooler in west, warmer in extreme southeast portion; fresh east to southeast winds.
North Carolina—Fair Friday; Saturday partly cloudy, showers and cooler in west portion; light to fresh east to southeast winds.
The weather yesterday was cool and clear as the proverbial bell.
RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER.
9 A. M. 73
12 M. 75
3 P. M. 79
6 P. M. 78
9 P. M. 75
12 midnight 68
Average 76.2-3
Highest temperature yesterday 80
Lowest temperature yesterday 61
Mean temperature yesterday 70
Normal temperature for June 76
Departure from normal temperature -6
Precipitation during past 24 hours 0.0

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
June 24, 1904.
Sun rises 4:51
Sun sets 7:33
Moon sets 2:27
Morning 1:33
Evening 2:06

Richmond.
Buggy case now in hands of jury who will agree after two hours' deliberation and are continued over until to-day.
Merodith and Royall make strong speeches for their respective clients.
Maurice refuses to accept any amendment that will affect the extent of the application of his ordinance, which is so stirring up municipal politicians at present.
A. B. Chasler, Jr., elected principal of new Chimborazo School; W. P. Budd a teacher in the High School.
Governor Montague improving—Treasurer Todd demands certain books still in the possession of Brauer; upon the receipt of these accountants will resume their work.
Lawyers have moonlight trip down the river—Dr. Fitzhugh oldest graduate of V. M. I., in the city.
Member of class of '42, in the city.
Takes up interesting Riley case of Bedford—Republicans of Third District will put up man for Congress; date for convention set.
MANCIESEER—Court and made a desperate effort to take that of his frail wife last night.
Valentine had been imbibing very freely for the past several days, and yesterday became so maudlin that neighbors were sought to come in and quiet him before any harm might befall him or his wife and baby, as he had repeatedly made many angry threats against them.
For a time Valentine appeared pacified, but late last night he became unmanageable, and finding his shotgun, which had been hidden, he hurried into a room where his wife was and attempted to shoot her.

Virginia.
Prof. Edwin A. Alderman reaches Charlottesville and will confer with Board of Visitors to-day—Closing exercises at William and Mary; prize winners, medalists and degree men; picture of General William H. Tulliver presented—Fredericksburg Horse Show a fine success; lady riding an interesting feature; runaway of tandem and ambling up; rider gets two falls—Corrections in statement as to the Bedford perjury case; insurance companies declare the matter closed as far as they are concerned.
Negro woman killed from ambush in Pittsylvania by a ball intended for the man who was with her—Ordinary Board appointing new cadet officers at the V. M. I.—Survey of Tidewater Railroad through Charlotte and Mecklenburg—Frank Story, the partner of J. C. Parker at Franklin, named by J. Peter Holland as his alternate to St. Louis—Supreme Court of Appeals hands down opinion at Wytheville; first decision under the new Constitution of the fellow-servants' doctrine—Norfolk business men move in the matter of finishing the Virginia building at St. Louis.

North Carolina.
Vandorn R. Valentine shoots his wife and kills himself, though fearfully injured; may recover; the baby in its mother's arms untouched; Valentine after shooting and cutting himself takes two ounces of laudanum—Miss Julia Sharp shot to death by her own pistol in her bed-room at Sharp's, N. C.—The State Capitol building, designed for the Greensboro convention—The Secretary of State issues several new charters.

General.
Republican National Convention nominates President Roosevelt and Senator Fairbanks as the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates; Secretary Cortelyou is selected as chairman of the National Committee; convention concludes session and adjourns sine die; speech nominating Mr. Roosevelt made by Ex-Governor Black, of New York—Japanese flotilla makes reconnaissance and meets with heavy fire from Russian guns at the forts in and around Port Arthur—Richard G. Russell, of Georgia, shooting trophy at Indianapolis—Senator Thomas Platt made defendant in damage suit in Chicago—Party goes to offer ransom for "Cedric" and "Adair"—Miss Julia Sharp killed herself in St. Louis; Virginia girl figures conspicuously in the case of the missing girl—Miss Julia Sharp attended boarding school in Richmond—Chairman Cowherd talks concerning the platform adopted by the Republicans at Chicago—Captain Van Schaick brought before Slocum inquest, but was not examined—Burning ship sighted by fruit vessel, but no one was aboard; incident may explain wreckage recently washed ashore on Virginia coast—Little Indians kill their three-year-old brother—American bishops received by the Pope—William Vickery appointed chief postoffice inspector—Bandit with shotgun holds up outgoing stage in Idaho—Steamer Axminster arrives at Liverpool—Thirty-two persons killed in railroad wreck in Spain—Graziallo wins Sheephead Bay Handicap and Savable runs second—Fair Harvard defeats Yale in first game of the series.

DID NOT CALL SLOCUM'S CAPT. YESTERDAY'S INQUEST

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, June 23.—Much of the testimony given at the inquest to-day into the General Slocum disaster went to show that the life preservers on the steamers were practically useless. At least half a dozen witnesses described how difficult these life preservers were to get at and how they fell to pieces at critical times.

Captain Van Schaick was brought in on a stretcher and was, however, not called to the hospital.

20 WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 20 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8 are as follows:

2 Agents, 5 Miscellaneous, 4 Domestic, 5 Trades, 4 Office Help.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

SHOOTS HIS WIFE AND KILLS SELF

Vandorn R. Valentine's Terrible Tragedy.

CRAZED WITH DRINK HE FIRES HIS GUN

The Load Finds Lodgment in the Head of His Faithful Wife.

BABY BY MERCIFUL PROVIDENCE UNTOUCHED

The Husband, After His Awful Deed, Turns the Gun Upon Himself, Attempts to Cut His Throat, and Makes Sure of His Death by Drinking Laudanum.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
EMPORIA, VA., June 23.—Vandorn R. Valentine, one of the most prominent farmers and citizens of Vulture, Northampton county, N. C., took his own life and made a desperate effort to take that of his frail wife last night.
Valentine had been imbibing very freely for the past several days, and yesterday became so maudlin that neighbors were sought to come in and quiet him before any harm might befall him or his wife and baby, as he had repeatedly made many angry threats against them.
For a time Valentine appeared pacified, but late last night he became unmanageable, and finding his shotgun, which had been hidden, he hurried into a room where his wife was and attempted to shoot her.

Cruel Tragedy.
The little woman, realizing how desperate were her chances, grappled with the enraged man and implored him to spare her and the life of the little babe that lay sleeping near by. After this, with renewed strength, she jerked herself free and ran for the baby, hoping to retreat to a place of safety for the little one and herself. Before she reached the infant, however, the maddened father fired a load of shot, the load taking effect in the left side of the wife's head, carrying away the outer table of the skull, ear and cap.

Realizing the enormity of his crime, the suicide turned the gun barrel to the right side of his own head, fired and dropped.

Made Sure of His Own Death.
A few minutes later he recovered enough to take two ounces of laudanum, and died a few hours afterwards. The wife is expected to die at any time, and the attending physicians are without hope for her recovery.

The babe, by special providence, was unhurt, although several shot went dangerously near.
Mr. Valentine's act has cast a gloom over the entire community. His wife was a Miss Delbridge, of Brunswick county, Va., and was married to Mr. Valentine five years ago. He was at one time a freight conductor on the Seaboard Air Line.

USED BUCKSHOT.

Wife Speaks and There is Slight Hope of Her Recovery.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SOUTH GASTON, N. C., June 23.—Vandorn R. Valentine, in a drunken frenzy, yesterday afternoon shot his wife with his double-barrel shotgun, loaded with buckshot, in the back of her head, so that a part of her skull had to be taken out by the doctor, and her life is despaired of. The doctors hardly expect her to live.

She will leave an infant about one year old.

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YOUNG LADY KILLED BY HER OWN PISTOL

Always Slept With the Weapon Under Her Pillow and Was a Good Shot.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, VA., June 23.—Miss Julia Sharp, the youngest daughter of Colonel Thomas R. Sharp, died early this morning of a pistol wound, at the Sharp home, near Sharp's Station, N. C. The fatal ball entered just above and to the rear of the right ear and lodged in the forehead. Death followed almost instantaneously. A negro servant had left the room just prior to the time the shot was fired.

The young woman, her mother and sister lived practically alone, the husband and father being away. The latter part of the time, she was a splendid shot and horsewoman, but was a little careless with her dangerous weapon, her pistol discharging prematurely several days ago, while she was preparing to kill a fowl.

The young woman generally slept with a pistol under her pillow, and on arising in the morning generally placed it on the bureau for safety. It is presumed that the weapon discharged while she was transferring it from the bed. A small house party, consisting of Danville ladies, was spending a few days at the Sharp home at the time. Miss Sharp's mother had just called to her to arise and dress, when she heard the report that resulted in her daughter's death.

ROOSEVELT AND FAIRBANKS ARE REPUBLICANS' CHOICE



THEODORE ROOSEVELT, Republican Nominee for President.

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WHAT IT DID NOT MENTION

Chairman Cowherd Talks Concerning Platform Adopted by Republicans.

ESTABLISHED NEW RECORD

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 23.—Concerning the National platform of the Republican party, adopted at Chicago, Chairman Cowherd, of the Democratic Congressional Committee, said to-day:
"Heretofore, the Republican party has had a record for boldness. At Chicago it established a record for timidity and evasion. The platform is remarkable mainly for what it does not say. The labor situation is as acute as any time in our history, yet there is no announcement in regard to it. There is no longer war in the Philippines. Surely the country is entitled at least to know what is the future policy as to those islands—the Philippine plank does not disclose it."
"The tariff plank is an open straddle to be used as a promise of reduction of duties to the voters and a pledge of their maintenance to the manufacturers. Governor Cummins says: 'It justified the Iowa idea.' General Grosvenor says: 'It is a stand pat plank.' Chairman Payne says: 'It leaves the question open.' It was evidently not intended as a plank, but as a trap."
"The platform says, 'Our administration of the great department of the government has been honest.' This, in the face of the notorious frauds discovered in the Postoffice Department; the scandals in the Land and Indian Bureaus, which the Secretary of the Interior is concealing with so much difficulty, and the forced adjournment of Congress in order to prevent any investigation, must be taken either as sarcasm or humor."
"The negro plank is the only honest plank in the platform; it is infamous.

McKinley's noble utterances above Southern graves, his openly recognized policy of a white rule for Southern States was thought by patriotic men to signal the death of sectionalism. Roosevelt's negro policy joined to Lodge's force bill, will revive it. The Crumacker resolution, discarded by Republicans of House and Senate alike, has been forced by the President upon his party. It will prove the worst mistake among many. Every patriotic citizen anxious for his country's future, wishing to see preserved the purity of the Anglo-Saxon race and American institutions, is willing that the Southern States shall adopt any legal expedient that will save that fair land from the control of an ignorant and debased suffrage."

GRAZIALLO WINS THE SHEEPSHEAD HANDICAP

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, June 23.—Graziallo at 10 to 1 in the betting won the Sheephead Bay Handicap to-day, defeating a first-class field in the first mile of 1:38 1/4. Savable and Roshampton ran head and head to the stretch, where Mason sent Graziallo to the front. Savable was second, a length in front of Ingrid.

FALLS FROM WINDOW AND IS KILLED

Commander A. G. Kellogg Lost His Balance and Pitched Out of Fourth Story.

(By Associated Press.)
NORFOLK, VA., June 23.—Commander A. G. Kellogg, United States navy, fell from a fourth story window in the Monroe Hotel, in Portsmouth, at 9 o'clock to-night, to the sidewalk below, sustaining injuries from which he died an hour and half later at the Naval Hospital. He had been in bad health for some time. It is thought Commander Kellogg, during an attack of vertigo, lost his balance, and fell from the window, in which he was sitting. His wife and married daughter were with him when he died.
Commander Kellogg entered the naval service in 1890, having been appointed from Illinois. He attained the rank of commander in July, 1899, and was retired from active service December 15, 1891. He was born in Ohio.

A FLOTILLA ENGAGEMENT

Japanese Boats Make Reconnaissance in Force of Approaches on Port Arthur.

STORMED BY RUSSIAN FORCES

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, June 23.—A special to the Daily News from Chefoo says:
Reconnaissance in force of the approaches on Port Arthur was made yesterday by a Japanese flotilla of three destroyers and four torpedo boats, which ran in from the east about noon, and cruised along the whole bluff, coming out past Liao Te Chan promontory.
As the flotilla steamed along it was heavily engaged with the forts, but apparently suffered no damage, although a signal mast of one of the torpedo boats was knocked out of shape as it struck by a shell. The operation was backed at some distance by two cruisers, one of which appeared to be Yakuma, while an auxiliary cruiser, an old San Francisco liner, the Nippon or a sister ship, acted as sea scout in the rear. Shortly after heavy firing began on the land side, lasting intermittently until dusk.

TO ATTACK TWO SIDES.

Japs Have Two Armies, Which Continue to Advance From South and West.

(By Associated Press.)
LIAO YANG, June 23.—According to reports received at the Russian headquarters, the Japanese intend to attack either Kai-Chou or Ta-Tsue-Kiao from two sides. Their armies continue to advance from the south and west. The leading detachments of General Oku's army have occupied Sennchen and Japses to be a full attendance.

Republican Convention Concludes Session.

CORTLEYOU MADE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Ex-Governor Frank S. Black Places President's Name Up for Nomination.

MANY STRONG NOMINATING SPEECHES ARE MADE

Address of Negro H. S. Cummings, of Maryland, Enjoyed by Many—Roosevelt Nominated, Convention Breaks Into Perfect Bedlam and Applaud for 25 Minutes.

(By Winston Churchill, Author of "The Crisis.")

CHICAGO, ILL., June 23.—A convention, which opened with every indication of being dull, uninteresting and uneventful, and which terminated in one of the most inspiring scenes ever beheld—this is, in brief, the singular history of the Chicago Republican National Convention of 1904, which to-day nominated Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, President, and Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, for Vice-President.

Perhaps I am still too much under the spell of that thrilling spectacle to write dispassionately, but it seems to me that there never could have been a more inspiring scene than that which was enacted when the word came out to that vast assemblage that President Roosevelt had been nominated. For twenty-five minutes the applause was continuous, while bands were playing and flags were being waved. And yet above all, could be heard in mighty chorus the words, "Roosevelt, Roosevelt." This was the great climax, to which the Republican party had been working for months. In the history of conventions it will stand out as unique. Great battles have been won on the floors of national conventions and the victors have gone wild in a frenzy of enthusiasm. Not so with today's scene, however. There had been no fight over the nomination; it had been conceded to President Roosevelt for months.

Compares Lincoln and Cannon.
And what a half-hour of enthusiasm it was. Looking back over the convention I think I have enjoyed most of all the quaint mannerisms of Speaker Joseph Cannon. I have often heard him compared to Abraham Lincoln, and to my mind there is a great similarity. But where Cannon is artful, Lincoln was artless. Cannon rules vast assemblies by an art which few men possess.

Abraham Lincoln ruled great throngs by the artlessness of his manner. In this one particular his great genius was shown as in no other way. Yet I imagine in spite of this distinction there must have been a great similarity and during these three days as I have frequently noticed, the quaint turn of a homely phrase, an awkward, yet forceful gesture, a peculiar drawl or a brilliant flash of repartee that has made it seem as though Abraham Lincoln were ruling the convention. This fact had added interest to the convention proceedings throughout. One most delightful feature of the closing day's feature was the speech of H. S. Cummings, the negro delegate from Maryland. This speech, made by George A. Knight, of California, was also one of the most masterful efforts ever given.
The nomination of Senator Fairbanks came at an unfortunate time in the course of the proceedings for a popular outburst of enthusiasm. Practically the last thing on the programme, when the guests were in a hurry to get home, the announcement did not receive the applause that it would have been accorded had it come at any other time. Judged in its entirety, however, the convention has

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PROF. ALDERMAN AT CHARLOTTESVILLE

Will Confer With the Board of Visitors To-day as to the Presidency.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., June 23.—President Edwin A. Alderman, of Tulane University, who ten days ago was elected by the board of visitors of the University of Virginia as the first president of that institution, reached Charlottesville at 5:30 this afternoon to look over the situation with a view to determining his action in regard to accepting the headship of the great Southern University.

Dr. Alderman, who is accompanied by his wife, was met at Lynchburg by Mr. Dury, of Harrison, the first member of the board of visitors. The distinguished Southern educator, with his bride, was welcomed at the railway station here by Dr. James Morris Page, chairman of the faculty, and Colonel Thomas H. Carter, president-elect.

Accompanied by Mr. Harmon, Dr. and Mrs. Alderman were driven to Jefferson Park Hotel, where they will make their headquarters. Among those who called at the hotel before dinner to greet the president-elect were Mrs. Raleigh C. Minor and Dr. William E. Peters, professor emeritus. During the evening there were other callers from the University.

To-morrow morning Dr. Alderman will confer with the board of visitors regarding the acceptance of the presidency. Several of the members of the board have already reached the city, and there promises to be a full attendance.

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MORE MONEY TO IMPROVE SEABOARD

Conferences With Bankers Looking to This.

IMPROVEMENTS ARE VERY NECESSARY

Little Spent for Betterments in Last Few Years and Extensions Are Necessary.

NEW FINANCIAL PLAN IS BEING WORKED OUT

Said That the Rockefeller Interests Will Take a Prominent Part in Financing the Road on a New Basis.

The New Securities.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, June 23.—Conferences are being held in this city between representatives of the Seaboard Air Line and bankers of Baltimore and New York to evolve a plan which will enable the Seaboard Air Line to raise the money necessary to complete its extensions and place its property in good physical condition. It is expected that as the result of the present negotiations the company will be entirely reorganized and that the Rockefeller interests will take a prominent part in financing the road on a new basis.
It is recognized that a large amount of money will have to be spent on the line to bring it up to a standard which will permit of competition with the Southern Railway. The bonds and stock issues of the company have recently been depressed, the preferred selling down to 11 and the common to 7.

Improvements Are Imperative.
The Seaboard Air Line has had little spent for improvements and betterments during the past three years. Very good statements of earnings were made simply because the road was operated without regard to maintaining its physical condition. It has now reached a point at which something must be done to provide new equipment and motive power to eliminate the present losses and to renew worn out rails. This cannot be accomplished without a scaling down of capitalization, which is now entirely too large. Recent efforts made to borrow money only succeeded in bringing in enough to pay off a loan of \$250,000, which was made last autumn, and leaves a small balance, which is not sufficient to even begin the necessary improvements. Earnings are now falling off, and from present indications, after providing for fixed charges, the road will earn a surplus of less than \$300,000.

Cause of the Decline.
The Wall Street Summary says to-day: "The continued decline of the securities of the Seaboard Air Line, which culminated on Tuesday, when both the common and preferred stock fell to the lowest figure on record, has given rise to all kinds of specific rumors in regard to the company's affairs, but most of the statements advanced to account for the weakness of the company's stock seem to have gone wide of the mark. Reports from Baltimore intimate that the depression in the price has been designed by certain New York and Boston interests to enable them to secure large holdings cheap. Such statements, however, are authoritatively declared to be absolutely groundless. Another story had it that the company had failed to meet a loan of \$250,000. This also is, when it is matured recently, absolutely denied, and, as every one at all acquainted with the facts knows, the proceeds of the \$500,000 bond issue, which was made early in the present year, were to be used in part for liquidating this loan."
According to one in a position to know the entire facts of the situation, the trouble is more deep-seated than would be indicated by the rumors afloat. First of all, it is admitted that the company requires a much larger amount of working capital than is at present at its command. In order to secure the best results from the property, it is understood that certain ways and means are now under consideration to effect a readjustment of the company's finances. Just what these plans are, or how soon they may be worked out, cannot be learned. It is known positively, however, that certain interests in the company are not at all satisfied with its present condition, and are desirous of bringing about some radical changes in its affairs.

Mr. Williams Reticent.
Mr. J. Skelton Williams, when seen concerning the Seaboard Air Line development, declined to make any statement touching the matter.

"I have nothing to say at present," he declared, and further than this he declined to talk.

ATTITUDE HAS CHANGED.

Thought the Williams-Middendorf Interests Will Co-operate.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BALTIMORE, MD., June 23.—Prospects for a contest for control of the Seaboard Air Line Railway between the Blair-Ryan-Coolidge syndicate and the Middendorf-Williams interests have suddenly become slim, judging by the talk in financial circles to-day. The improvement around here, toward the new financial plan for the Seaboard, and that they would probably co-operate with the Blair-Ryan-Coolidge syndicate. It is thought that the cause of this change is a better understanding of the purposes of the new financial plan, and the belief that when the stockholders are called upon to surrender a part of their holdings, they will get quick results in the shape of the improvement of the interest and market value of what they retain.
This would have a material bearing